

WELLESLEY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
CALLED MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING  
MAY 24, 2016, 6:45 PM  
GREAT HALL, WELLESLEY TOWN HALL

Members Present: David Giangrasso, Lisa Abeles, Eric Cohen, and Barry Friedman  
Members Absent: David Smith and Edwina McCarthy  
Staff: Heather Lamplough  
Also Present: John and Karen Griffith, 17 Waban Street  
Wellesley Historical Commission: Robert Carley, Rise Sheple, and Joshua Dorin

**David Giangrasso called the meeting to order at 6:50pm.**

**Certificate of Appropriateness: 17 Waban Street HDC 16-04:**

*Documents:*

1. *Staff Report dated May 9, 2016*
2. *Photos from site visit on May 16, 2016*
3. *Letter from Abutter at 11 Waban Street, dated May 16, 2016*
4. *Description of Project*
5. *Landscape Plan with Fence*
6. *Fence Plan*
7. *Fence Style*
8. *Photographs of Site provided by the applicant*

*Discussion:*

Applicant and homeowners John and Karen Griffith presented the proposed project to the Commission. Mrs. Griffith explained that they recently had a large tree taken down in their front yard and they are looking to install a new section of fencing and a gate in order to keep their dog contained in the yard. The fence will match the existing fence and gate. She explained that the fence will be wood and painted white.

There were no comments from the public at the public hearing.

*Ms. Abeles made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for 17 Waban Street as presented. Mr. Friedman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.*

**Commission Membership:**

Miss Lamplough asked the Commission to re-visit the discussion regarding which members will be seeking re-appointment and the reorganization of the Commission. Mr. Giangrasso stated that he will not be seeking reappointment. The Commission discussed possibly considering designating alternate members, and the roles that an alternate member would play on the Commission. Mr. Dorin explained the roles of the alternate members on the Historical Commission. Miss Lamplough asked the Commission if they had a chance to review the resume of the potential new Commissioner. Miss Lamplough explained that Ms. Maitin did attend a previous HDC meeting to see how it was run, and did ask the Commissioners a number of questions on what her role and responsibilities as a Commissioner would be. Mr. Cohen stated that he was not at the meeting in which she attended, and asked if it would be alright to call her. Miss Lamplough stated that she did submit her phone number on her resume, so she would assume that would be okay. Miss Lamplough explained that she does need to send the Board of Selectmen

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appointment letter requests by the beginning of June. Ms. Abeles stated that at the meeting she seemed genuinely interested in the Commission and in Historic Preservation. She also stated that her law background would be helpful. Miss Lamplough stated that the Commission does need to have a member that is a member of the Board of Realtors, which Mr. Giangrasso currently fulfills. Mr. Giangrasso made a motion to request the appointment of Ms. Emily Maitin to the Wellesley Historic District Commission has a full member. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

**Historical Commission Demolition Delay Bylaw:**

Member of the Wellesley Historical Commission, Robert Carley, Rise Sheple and Joshua Dorin presented the proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw to the Commission.

**Minutes:**

*Documents:*

1. *Minutes from 05/03/2016 HDC Meeting*

These meeting minutes will be voted on at the next meeting TBD.

2. *Minutes from 05/10/2016 HDC Meeting*

Mr. Cohen moved to approve the minutes. Mrs. Abeles seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.**

*Note: A recording of this meeting is available from the Planning Department.*

Minutes Approved: 11/02/2016

Respectfully submitted by:  
Heather Lamplough  
Senior Planner